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WORKSHOP A: NAVIGATING THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS, PANELIST



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Aflac – Director of Strategic Sourcing & Procurement

Wassel Lewis is the Director for Strategic Sourcing and Procurement at Aflac, the number one provider of supplemental insurance in the United States. In this role, Lewis leads the Fortune 118 Company's sourcing, procurement and supplier diversity efforts while ensuring Aflac's responsible relationship with over 2000 external suppliers.

He joined Aflac in 2007, working in the Enterprise Project Office (EPO) as a Senior Project Consultant within Aflac's Information Technology division. Additionally, he has held various roles as a Program/Project Manager, Consultant in Strategic Partnerships and Director of Aflac's Supplier Diversity Program. During his tenure, Aflac has received multiple supplier diversity honors like; *Georgia Small Business Development Council (GSBDC)* and *The University of Georgia* for supporting entrepreneurs in Georgia, *DiversityBusiness* awarded Aflac as one of the top 50 organizations for multicultural opportunities, *Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council (GMSDC)* in conjunction with *Business Radio X* featured Wassel in a segment called "Let's Talk Small Business" and *The Sustainability Purchasing Leadership Council (SPLC)* awarded Aflac outstanding case study award for our partnership with a diverse and sustainable partner World Wide Technology (WWT).

Prior to joining Aflac, Mr. Lewis started his own company specializing in B to C mobile marketing campaigns. Additionally, he was the North American Business Development Manager for Ericsson, Inc. and spent over a decade in the telecommunications industry.

A graduate of Southern Methodist University, Cox School of Business with a master's degree focusing on business administration, Wassel has also earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Howard University.

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